

Remarks

Prior to this amendment, Claims 1-102 were pending in the present application. By this amendment, Applicants have withdrawn Claims 78 through 102.

I. Restriction/Election Requirement

With respect to the election of species requirement of the Office action, Applicants elect to prosecute Species I identified by the Examiner as Claims 1 through 77. It is possible that other claims, not currently elected, also read on the elected species. In addition, the elected claims may also read on other species identified by the Examiner.

In response to the above requirement, Applicants have also withdrawn Claims 78 through 102 from consideration. Applicants, however, reserve the right to prosecute the withdrawn claims and other embodiments disclosed in the application in one or more divisional patent applications. Further, Applicants reserve the right to have Claims 78 through 102 considered if a generic claim from which these claims depend is allowed.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request examination of Claims 1 through 77 on the merits.

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